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Sir:

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 17, 2003 in the above-referenced application is attached. In the Office Action dated March 10, 2005, the examiner returned a copy of Form PTO-1449 (copy enclosed) but did not confirm consideration of Reference AG.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 17, 2003, signed and initialed to indicate that the reference AG listed therein also was considered by the Examiner.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:

- 1a. ☒ Form PTO-1449.
- 1b. ☒ Copies of IDS citations.
- 1c. ☐ An English language copy of search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report.
- 1d. ☐ English language translation (complete or relevant portion(s)) attached to each non-English language publication.
- 1e. ☐ Explanations of Relevancy of References (ATTACHMENT 1(e), hereto) for providing a concise explanation of each non-English publication.

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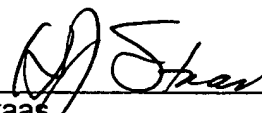
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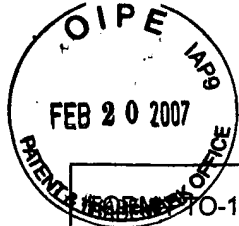
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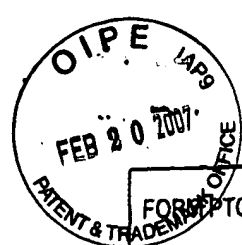
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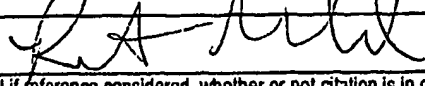
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